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Suddenly-It's-Summer Greetings!

Wow! Writing this Monday, May 11th, and it's going to be 80 degrees. My garden has sprouted everything all at once, including a plethora of weeds. But we can forget the weeds and come to our next meeting, **Tuesday**, **May 26th** (because the library is closed for Memorial Day on the 25th) for a very special demonstration by our friend **Doris Terris**, who will demo water-soluble oils in a direct manner with different glazing techniques. A member of the Garden State Watercolor Society and the Hunterdon Watercolor Society, among other arts organizations, Doris is the recipient of many awards and a renowned demonstrator. We will learn a lot as well as be entertained. 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library.

Special thanks to Marge McGovern for running a successful bus trip to New York City on April 18th. It was a gorgeous spring day and we all had a marvelous time. The Met had several different temporary exhibits, and if you ate lunch in the American Wing you saw the beauty of Central Park outside the window, and all the action. It seemed as though everyone in NYC was out taking advantage of the weather. The AWS Show was of course inspiring, as usual.

The 7^h Annual "Arts on Division Festival" will be bigger and better than ever! In addition to their most popular events, they will also have an Artisan Market right on Division St. Arts on Division invites you to participate in "All Things Craft" on Sunday, June 21st. The AOD Festival runs from June 18 - 21 and will include a variety of exciting performances including Indecorous Theatre and students from the Broadway Mentor's Program, music, artist demonstrations such as - glass-blowing and Raku pottery firing, and several pop-up gallery exhibits. Artists and craftspeople of all media and styles are invited. Set up your shop on Division Street, enjoy the warm summer air, music and festival atmosphere as you chat with buyers and sell your work. For application info, please go to artsondivision2015@gmail.com.

Peapack & Gladstone's 'Art in the Park will be held at Liberty Park on Main Street on September 20th in the picturesque town center of Peapack & Gladstone. Artists exhibit their work in a serene, outdoor park setting against a beautiful pond backdrop. Art in the Park began in 2000 and continues to grow in popularity with both exhibitors and attendees. Sponsored by the borough's Recreation Commission, the event is a showcase for a large variety of fine art and crafts, as well as an introduction to talented student artists. They are currently accepting artist applications for this year's event. For info and application please email or phone Jane Simon janesimon1964@comcast.net 908/781-0699

The Ocean County Artist's Guild is accepting applications for their biannual state show.

The Ocean County Artist's Guild is located at the corner of Chestnut and Ocean Avenues in Island Heights and is handicapped-accessible. There are several categories as well as cash awards. The judge is the nationally known artist Jean Uhl Spicer. For information you can call Tamara Woronczuk 732-270-3111 or visit our website, <u>www.ocartistsquild.org</u>.

For nearby summer viewing, don't forget New Brunswick's **Zimmerli Museum** which has an interesting show on: "Bugs, Frogs, & Toads in Illustration". You'll want to check out <u>http://www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu/duvoisin-gallery/bugs-frogs-toads-oh-my-original-children%E2%80%99s-book-illustrations-nancy-winslow-parker#.VR6HEOHM6fs</u>. Of course there are also other exhibits at the same time in different galleries there.

And also nearby is the **Princeton Museum of Art**, right on the campus of Princeton University. Their permanent collections range from antiquities to contemporary *art* and focus primarily on works by American, European and Latin American artists. Of special interest will be <u>Painting on</u> <u>Paper: American Watercolors at Princeton</u> June 27, 2015 - August 30, 2015. "Watercolors are a distinctive amalgam of painting and drawing, in which color and line combine to produce effects of unparalleled nuance and suppleness. The Princeton University Art Museum's holdings of American watercolors are distinguished by their quality, breadth, and the duration with which they have been consistently collected. Assembled initially under the pioneering directorship of Frank Jewett Mather Jr."

Members in the News

SHERRY ENGELBERG has a pastel painting on display at the Basking Ridge Wellness Center titled "Uncle Tim's Bridge."

SYLVIA MARIA GLESSMAN - The Salmagundi Club is proud to host the Sixth Annual Sylvia Maria Glesmann Members' Floral Exhibition. Joining this Lower Gallery showcase of floral works by Salmagundi artist members, there will be a Special Exhibition of Works by Sylvia Maria Glesmann in the Patrons' Gallery.

Sylvia Glesmann is the 2015 recipient of the Salmagundi Medal of Honor to be presented to her at the President's Dinner on May 13, 2015, after a special reception.

DEBBIE TINTLE also has three paintings in the Daughters of the Revolution sponsored juried art show presently at the Clarence Dillon Library (the others being Linda Arnold, Joan McKinney, and Diana Patton)

Your editor wants, yes, needs your news. What are *you* doing? Where are *you* showing? **Please write or email me!** Although this is our last issue until September I will keep all your news in my special RVAA files.

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